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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES BURLISON (Sponsor) AND GRISAMORE (Co-sponsor).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To repeal section 337.715, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to marital and family therapists.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 337.715, RSMo, is repealed and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 337.715, to read as follows:

337.715. 1. Each applicant for licensure or provisional licensure as a marital and family therapist shall furnish evidence to the committee that:

(1) The applicant has a master's degree or a doctoral degree in marital and family therapy **from a program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education**, or its equivalent as defined by committee regulation, from an [acceptable] educational institution accredited by a regional accrediting body [or accredited by an accrediting body which has been approved] **that is recognized** by the United States Department of Education;

(2) The applicant for licensure as a marital and family therapist has twenty-four months of postgraduate supervised clinical experience acceptable to the committee, as the state committee determines by rule;

(3) After August 28, 2008, the applicant shall have completed a minimum of three semester hours of graduate-level course work in diagnostic systems either within the curriculum leading to a degree as defined in subdivision (1) of this subsection or as post-master's graduate-level course work. Each applicant shall demonstrate supervision of diagnosis as a core component of the postgraduate supervised clinical experience as defined in subdivision (2) of this subsection;

EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.

18 (4) Upon examination, the applicant is possessed of requisite knowledge of the
19 profession, including techniques and applications research and its interpretation and professional
20 affairs and ethics;

21 (5) The applicant is at least eighteen years of age, is of good moral character, is a United
22 States citizen or has status as a legal resident alien, and has not been convicted of a felony during
23 the ten years immediately prior to application for licensure.

24 2. Any person otherwise qualified for licensure holding a current license, certificate of
25 registration, or permit from another state or territory of the United States or the District of
26 Columbia to practice marriage and family therapy may be granted a license without examination
27 to engage in the practice of marital and family therapy in this state upon application to the state
28 committee, payment of the required fee as established by the state committee, and satisfaction
29 of the following:

30 (1) Determination by the state committee that the requirements of the other state or
31 territory are substantially the same as Missouri;

32 (2) Verification by the applicant's licensing entity that the applicant has a current license;
33 and

34 (3) Consent by the applicant to examination of any disciplinary history in any state.

35 3. The state committee shall issue a license to each person who files an application and
36 fee as required by the provisions of sections 337.700 to 337.739.

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